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UI Students Protest CIA Recruiter, But He Stays

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Central Intelligence Agency recruiter Charles Pecinovsky continued conducting interviews today in "another building" after University of Iowa students Tuesday protested his visit.

Helen Barnes, director of the UI Business and Industrial Placement Office, who physically barred protesters Tuesday, said at noon today the job interviews were progressing quiet-

ly "in another building," but declined to designate the location.

Approximately 30 students attempted to enter Miss Barnes' office in the Old Dental Building Tuesday afternoon after Pecinovsky retreated there from a nearby temporary building where he began the interviews. The protesters demanded that he leave, saying they did not want a "secret, violent, dictatorial agency" on the campus.

Miss Barnes stood at the door to her office saying, "You'll have to knock me down if you want to get by, otherwise I'll stay here."

She said the demonstration threatened to disrupt work in her office and that the protesters threw chewing gum wrappers and cigarette butts about the area. The blocked students remained in the hall where they sang and clapped their hands until 5 p.m. when they were told to leave by Campus Police.

Commenting today, Miss Barnes said, "We can't capitulate to this very, very small segment of our students. It's pathetic."

The CIA representative is scheduled to conduct interviews through Friday, among students interested in CIA employment.

The talks were continued Tuesday afternoon in Miss Barnes' office with job seekers escorted into the room by campus officers.

The protest was led by Students for a Democratic Society, an anti-war organization. The group had circulated a letter of protest addressed to University President Howard R. Bowen. President Bowen offered no comment, but Philip E. Connell, Bowen's assistant, addressed the group.

Connell said students who wanted to take the interviews had as much right to do that as the others had to protest. He said Bowen had seen the letter and regarded the CIA's presence no different than that of any government agency or business that uses the placement facilities.

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